

Amendments to the Specification:

Please insert the following on page 1, immediately following the title and prior to the first full paragraph, as shown below:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims the benefit of PCT Application No. PCT/EP2004/004233; filed April 21, 2004; which claims the priority of German Application Nos. 103 20 629.9 filed May 8, 2003, and 103 21 941.2 filed May 15, 2003.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

Please insert the following subheading on page 1, prior to the second full paragraph, as shown below:

2. Description of the Related Art

Please insert the following on page 2, at line 20, as follows:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The aforementioned objects and other objects are achieved through the use of pulverulent coating compositions comprising pulverulent silane-containing polyvinyl alcohols and water-redispersible polymer powders, generally in conjunction with conventional paper slip ingredients.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, at line 21, as shown below:

The invention provides for the use of a ~~powderous~~ pulverulent coating material composition for coating ink-jet recording materials, comprising

- a) one or more ~~powderous~~ pulverulent, silane-containing polyvinyl alcohols based on fully or partly hydrolyzed vinyl ester copolymers having a degree of hydrolysis of 75 to 100 mol %, and
- b) one or more water-redispersible polymer powders based on homopolymers or copolymers of one or more monomers from the group consisting of vinyl esters of unbranched or branched alkylcarboxylic acids having 1 to 15 carbon atoms, methacrylic esters and acrylic esters of alcohols having 1 to 15 carbon atoms, vinyl aromatics, olefins, dienes, and vinyl halides.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 15, at line 24, as shown below:

The ~~powderous~~ pulverulent coating material composition can be produced by mixing the ~~powderous~~ pulverulent components a) and b). In one preferred embodiment the ~~powderous~~ pulverulent coating material composition is produced by jointly drying the aqueous solution of the silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol a) and the aqueous polymer dispersion of polymer b), following addition of protective colloid if appropriate, said joint drying taking place with particular preference by a spray-drying process.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 18, at line 22, as shown below:

Example 4:

As in Example 1, with additionally a cationic dispersant being added to the feed for spray drying. The cationic dispersant was admixed in a weight ratio of component a) + b) to dispersant of ~~[[40:4]]~~ 40:5. The product was employed in the coating slip with 45 parts by weight of powder mixture and without additional cationic dispersant.